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Mr. John Halton
Desert Sandscapes
860 East 19th Street
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RE: Site Inspection, Desert Sandscapes, Black Ridge #1 Quarry, S/053/027, Washington County, Utah

Dear Mr. Halton:

The Division recently conducted a site inspection of your Black Ridge #1 Quarry in Washington County, Utah. Your contractor, Mr. Dale Deming, was most helpful in giving us a tour of the site (a copy of the inspection memo is enclosed).

Of concern to the Division is the size of the operation. It appears that this site is currently close to, if not slightly over the 5-acre limit for a small mining operation. At this time, the Division requests that you have the site surveyed by a registered surveyor to determine the exact amount of disturbance. We request that you submit a copy of the survey and map by June 3, 1999. If the survey shows that more than 5 acres have been disturbed, you will be requested to submit a Notice of Intention to Conduct Large Mining operations.

Even if the site is less than 5 acres, it may be to your advantage to prepare a Large Mining Notice at this time if you expect the disturbance to increase in the near future. Enclosed is Form MR-LMO to guide you in preparing this Notice.

As always, please don't hesitate to call me at (801) 538-5310 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Lynn Kunzler
Senior Reclamation Specialist

Enclosures: Inspection Memo
Form MR-LMO

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